AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastal areas of the country ha$_s$ been classified recently under various categories for development activties; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The coastal areas of the country have been classified into four categories for regulating development activities, vide Gagette notification S.O. No. 114(E) dated 20-2-91. Details of the classification are annexed as a statement.

Statement

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The classification of the coastal stretches into four categories is as follows.',—

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(i) Areas that are ecologically sen sitive and important such as na tional parks|marine parks^ sanctu-, reserve forests, wildlife habitas, mangroves, corals coral re- is close to breeding and :'ng groi: fish and marine life, area?, of out standing natured beauty]history areas, areas rich in gene-diversity area slikely to be inun. dated due to rise n sea level consequent upon global warming and other areas asmay be declared by the control government of the concerned authorities the State/Union Territory level from time to time.

• (ii) Area between "the Low Tide Line and the High Tide Line.

Category.2 (CRZ-H)

The areas that have already been developed upfo or close to the shoreline. F.~>r this pui^pose_ "developed area" ^$_3$ referred to as that area within the municipal limits or in other legally designated urban areas which is already substantially built up and which has been provided with drainage and apprtach roads and other in-frastructural facilities, such as water supply and swerage mains.

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Areas that are relatively undisturbed and those which do not belong to either Category.I or II. These wil-linclude coastal zone in the rural areas (developed and underdeveloped) and also areas within municipal limits or in other legally designated Urban areas which are not substantially built up.

Category-i (CRZ-IV)

Coastal streches in the Andaman and Nicobar Lakshadeep and small islands except those designated as CRZ-I CRZ.n or CRZ-III.

Implementation of the Air (Prevention and control of pollution Act

163. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: *r* of ENVIRONMENT FORESTS be pelased to state:

(a) whether the Air (Prevention : Uution) Act is be-livtly implemented by Government;

(b) if not, what difficulties are being faced in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government contem plate to take to remove those difficul ties?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Ye$_3$ Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.